Stompin'

Area's 'Hillbillies' Get Small Crowd

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DEPTFORD — Gloucester County College's modern College Center went back to the roots Saturday as performers from around the country played their "hillbilly" music before a disappointingly small crowd.

The friendly artists didn't mind the lack of numbers and put on a fine sampling of country and blues music.

Among the local groups that played were the Pineconers from Waretown. The group started in a one-room cabin 12 years ago and currently tours the area to raise funds for a bigger building to stage their act.

Another performer was Ola Belle Reed, a 60-year-old woman from Rising Sun, Md., who has spent 40 years in a hillbilly band. Her family band is touring the country in the coming weeks, performing anywhere from large auditoriums in major cities to picnics in small towns.

Ola writes much of the band's music and her 60 years haven't slowed her down. She feels very strongly that people everywhere should get along and that her "hillbilly" music is a way to bring people together.

Other performers included the Lewis Brothers, John Jackson, Debby McClatchy, and Saul Brody. Trenton Times reporter and spare time country singer James Libig also sang a few songs.

A large crowd viewed the festival at Atlantic Community College Friday. Lack of promotion may have been the cause for the small crowd here Saturday, according to Jim Albertson, coordinator of the event.

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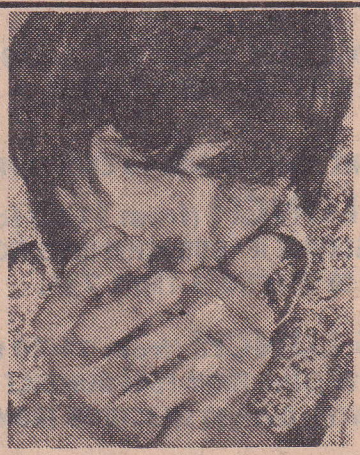

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